

MOLINE BACKING CITY AUDITORIUM

Booster Committee Sees Need of Larger Hall and Decides to Ask General Cooperation.

VISITORS TALK HIGHWAY WORK

Half-Mile Stretch of River Road, or Mississippi Scenic Route, Has Been Covered With Clay.

The Inland Navigation company is asking the Greater Moline committee to furnish it with photographs of the Moline river front, doubtless with a view to ascertaining the facts about existing or possible steamboat landings and conveniences for the handling of freight. The committee at its meeting at noon yesterday voted to furnish the photographs.

The Greater Moline committee also took up the matter of Moline's need of an auditorium to accommodate large conventions, musical and other entertainments. The committee adopted a resolution under which Chairman Abraham is authorized to appoint a committee of three, of which he shall be chairman, to enlist in this enterprise the public and such organizations as it may be possible to interest. This committee of three, which Chairman Abraham will soon name, is authorized to pledge the active support of the entire membership of the Greater Moline committee to the people or organizations that may lend their aid to bringing the coliseum into materialization.

Two guests from Hampton were with the committee, Messrs. Sykes and Turner, boosters for the community club, which covers the whole upper end of the county. On being introduced by Chairman Abraham, Mr. Sykes told of the work taken up of improving a half-mile stretch of the river road, or Mississippi Scenic route, known as "the Hampton sands." Of the half mile that is to be improved, a quarter mile has already been covered eight inches deep and 18 feet wide with clay in which there is a considerable quantity of gravel. Work of putting gravel on top of this clay was just begun when cold weather interfered. This work will be taken up again as soon as the weather permits. Some \$700 has already been expended and perhaps \$400 or \$500 more will be needed.

To Remove Willows.
Mr. Turner said that the gravel that is to be used on the road is blue gravel, which is better for road purposes than river gravel. He said that the community club also contemplates "getting after" the willows on the scenic drive, in order that the view of the river—which makes the scenic route scenic—may not shut out so much of the way. He invited Moline's to attend meetings of the community club and to cooperate in the improvement of the scenic route. He said that while he was not present to ask for financial aid for the improvement of "the Hampton sands," he felt sure Moline people were interested, and any one who would feel relieved by contributing a "five" or a "ten" toward the work would be welcome to do so.

TRAINS RUNNING ON REGULAR SCHEDULES

Traffic on the Rock Island lines between here and Chicago resumed normal schedule last night following the trouble caused by the rain and thaw yesterday. It was announced today that while the Rock Island had made arrangements to route its trains over the Milwaukee line this was found unnecessary later and all of the passengers were routed on the company's own tracks. Wrecking crews cleared the three bridges between this city and Joliet which were menaced by the ice and water. Trains from the east were late, but not over an hour and a half, according to officials of the road.

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WAR CONTRATS BRING TREMENDOUS BOOM TO BRIDGEPORT



Remington Arms Co. plant in Bridgeport as it looks today, and site of plant as it was a year ago. Bottom: plant of American & British Manufacturing Co. at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 22.—The war in Europe has made a boom town out of Bridgeport—the Essen of America. Twelve million dollars spent in less than a year—thanks to that war—have brought into being in this city what will probably be the greatest small arms and ammunition plant in the world—that of the Remington Arms and Union Metallic Cartridge factories. When it is in full operation it will call for the services of from 34,000 to 38,000 employees. The plant covers hundreds of acres and is the latest work in factory construction, and yet in its present form it may be said to have actually sprung into existence, to have come before the eyes of Bridgeport in a moment.

The enormous plant of the Remington Arms company was not in existence last March. It was turned over to the company by the contractors in November, so that this immense creation was completed in less than eight months, and even as far back as last August it was so far completed that outwardly it looked as it does today.

It has made such a revolution in Bridgeport that the company has been obliged to build practically another city within the city for the accommo-



modation of the thousands of men who are coming from all parts of New England to form a new colony; it has gone into the work of sewerage and grading, and is now about to turn its attention to the question of schooling for the children of its sub-city. Eighteen thousand men and women in the employ of the Remington Arms, 16,000 more in that of the Union Metallic Cartridge company, will form the sub-city, and with them will come their families. The company is now taking them on at the rate, in the Remington plant alone, of 2,000 a month.

There are 28 buildings in the plant, and of the main units there are 13. They are five-story brick and steel buildings, 272 feet long by 60 feet wide. Instead of standing separately, or being connected only by corridors or extensions, they are connected with each other by five-story buildings, called "service buildings," each of which is 80 feet long by 48 feet wide, so that

street fighting was a half mile away, but the modern infantry rifle has a long range, and the chapel stands on ground elevated somewhat above the scene of the street battles.

Few Hungarian soldiers are quartered in a building a hundred yards away from the chapel. None of them had any idea where the key to the chapel was to be found. The Associated Press representative finally crawled through a small hole in the wall, which appeared to have been made by a shell which failed to explode. Scattered bricks and mortar lay on the floor inside.

The scene was depressing. In the middle of the floor lay a box containing books, dust-covered and in disarray. The high altar had been shoved back into a small anteroom. The sacred vestments, some of them torn and muddled, were strewn about the floor and on the altar. A picture of a saint, its protecting glass splintered, lay face down. A bullet had found its way into one of the crude mural paintings. Mortar dust lay deep over everything.

The correspondent had been informed that the murdered king and queen were buried in this chapel, but there was nothing in sight even remotely resembling a royal tomb. Near one corner was a plain lettered slab, flanked by two wooden crosses. In Cyrillic letters on the slab were the names of the two of the older members of the Obrenovitch family. Right and left stood a crude Roman cross of wood. On the cross-bar of the cross at the right was rudely lettered "Alexander Obrenovitch." The corresponding bar on the cross at the left bore the name "Draga Obrenovitch." There was not another letter on either cross, no date of birth nor death, no word to indicate that the persons buried here had once been king and queen of the country.

In the more than thirteen years that have elapsed since the murder, the crosses have not even been set upright. They are simply stood against the whitewashed wall. A nicked candlestick stands near the squalid tomb; at the other side is a tall, cylindrical sheet-iron stove, sole means of heating the chapel. No guard-rail separates the tomb from the place occupied by the worshippers.

The mean tomb in the little chapel recalls the regicide that stirred all the world—with the exception, according to the contemporary reports, of Serbia itself—in June, 1903. Trouble had been accumulating for years at the Serbian court. Alexander had alienated his father Milan and offended various European courts by marrying Draga Maschin, widow of an engineer and a former lady in waiting of Queen Natalie. Nepotism and general favoritism still further embittered the old court party at Belgrade. Particularly was there wide dissatisfaction among the army officers.

What gave greater impetus to the growing conspiracy against King Alexander was his act in suspending the constitution on April 7, 1903, declar-

MANY PAPERS IN TOWNS OF GREECE

Comparatively Small Cities Support Huge Number of High Grade Daily Publications.

Saloniki, Greece, Jan. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The French and British troops stationed in Saloniki since the beginning of the allied Balkan undertaking never cease to marvel at the number of newspapers able to live in a city of, normally, only about 150,000 inhabitants, of whom a very large percentage cannot read or write. Though the second city of Greece since its conquest by the Greeks in the last Balkan war, Saloniki has never been and is not now in any real sense a Greek city. Indeed, a scant 25 per cent of the population is Greek. The city supports five Greek daily newspapers, three morning and two afternoon journals. Besides these, probably the most widely read of all is the unique daily, the *Forward*, which is printed in Hebrew characters for the benefit of the overwhelming Jewish population of the place—but Hebrew characters spelling out Spanish, not Hebrew words!

The newspapers of all Greece play a very important if not a dominant part in the politics so much the leading occupation of the Greeks. There is no such thing in Greece as a politically independent newspaper, in the sense that a newspaper may be politically independent in the United States or in France. Every Greek daily is either for or against Venizelos—that being the cardinal political test. This is true, of course, of those in Saloniki as well.

The *Light*, a morning, and The *New Truth*, an evening journal, are the Greek anti-Venizelos organs, though the former in addition to being bitterly opposed to the late premier is also pronouncedly pro-German. The *Macedonia* and the *Greece*, both morning journals, are the Venizelos organs in Saloniki, though the *Anchor*, an evening journal, while more militant than anything else, also supports Venizelos. The Spanish-Hebrew evening paper, the *Forward*, is, as its name implies, socialist in politics and pro-German.

While a mixture of Spanish and Italian is the current tongue spoken by the great majority of the inhabitants of Saloniki, French is also spoken widely, generally understood and universally read. There are, therefore, four French dailies published in Saloniki—a morning and an evening paper for each political point of view. But in respect of the newspapers published in French, there is more partisanship on the subject of the European war. L'Opinion in the morning and L'Independant in the evening are the word-bearers of the entente powers and especially of the French, though both are edited by natives of Saloniki. On the other hand, The *Courier* of Saloniki and The *New Country*, both in French, are accepted as almost official pro-German organs. The former is a socialist paper closely affiliated with the German socialist party, and the latter is virtually the mouthpiece of the Austrian consulate at Saloniki.

One other French newspaper is worthy of mention: the *Journal* of the French warship *Charlemagne*, which while not technically published in Saloniki has its circulation there. It is by far the newest sheet to be had in Saloniki, for its prints all the official communiques of the various countries at war, as well as a great deal of information gleaned from the wireless service of the French battleship. It is distributed free of charge to all the allied armies on land, and may be subscribed for by private individuals at the rate of 50 cents a month.

Since the arrival of the British troops, an English newspaper has also been started and is said to be very prosperous. It is called The *Balkan News*, and is published under the auspices of the editors of the French journals L'Opinion and L'Independant.

The mutilated bodies of the murdered king and queen, it was reported at the time, were thrown into rude wooden coffins, carried to the chapel on the handcart of a sewer cleaner and buried unceremoniously a few hours after the murder.

Thus ended the rule and the line of the Obrenovitchs, 35 years to a day after the greatest of the line, Prince Michael, had been murdered in the Topcider park west of the city. Prince Alexander of the house of Karageorgewitch, father of the present King Peter, was thrice tried in Hungary for participation in that murder, but after a conviction in one court, was acquitted by two others. The conspiracy of 1868 was planned to restore the Karageorgewitch dynasty, and the murders of June 10, 1903, whether or not they had as their principal aim, resulted in its restoration; the skupshtina called Peter to the throne some weeks after the tragedy. King Peter, who was at the time in Geneva, made a formal statement denying any complicity in the plot or any guilty foreknowledge of it. Nobody was punished for the murder.

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Jan. 16.—A joint installation of Barrett chapter No. 18, R. A. M., Trio lodge No. 57, and Rock Island lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M. was held last night at the Masonic temple.

The last of the coal mining troubles in South Moline and Hampton, lasting for the past three months, are reported settled on the basis of the men's demands.

Members of the Rock Island city council inspected the new Purrington brick plant at Galesburg yesterday.

Albert B. Zeis and Miss Josephine C. Petersen were united in marriage at their future home on Third avenue and Twelfth street last night, Rev. C. A. Mennicke performing the ceremony.

Jan. 17.—Ferdinand Roski, his wife and seven children, residing on Thirty-seventh street, near Fourteenth avenue, are all ill from eating diseased pork.

Jan. 19.—Joseph Huber, who conducts Huber's garden, was attacked by footpads at an early hour this morning, but he beat them off and they fled without securing any money.

James E. Larkin is visiting relatives at Oneida, Ill.

Jan. 20.—With today's issue The Argus changed the size of its issue from four to eight pages.

Edwards & Walsh, local contractors, were awarded contract for the paving of Fourth avenue from Twentieth to Twenty-third street, south on Twenty-third to Moline avenue and then to the city limits, yesterday by the city council.

The oldest business firm in Rock Island, J. & M. Rosenfield, 1626 Second avenue, was dissolved today, Meyer Rosenfield succeeding his uncle, Mayer Rosenfield, as junior member of the firm.

Jan. 21.—George Kingsbury left for Chicago today on a business trip.

The Moline city council last night increased the salary of the city clerk \$200 per annum, making it \$1,000.

The Rock Island County Old Settlers' association will hold its annual business meeting Feb. 2 at the Rock Island house.

One of the electric cars on the Moline Central Street railway today was practically destroyed by fire which originated from a stove.

Labor troubles resulted in a free-for-all fight today at the Moline Wagon company's plant. No one was seriously injured.

Periods stretching continuously from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 p. m., the students being allowed to eat lunch during their vacant periods.

Coach Carl Anderson of the basketball squad was also called up to speak to the students and make a plea for school spirit during the game with Davenport.

The last general assembly of the first semester was held in the auditorium of the high school yesterday afternoon at 1:30 and Principal A. J. Burton made a few announcements about the opening of the new term next Monday.

All high school students except the incoming freshmen will report at 9 o'clock Monday morning, he stated, and after making out their class programs for the day classes will be called and the entire program of the day will be run through, allowing to each period 10 minutes. Thus the upper classmen's program for the day will have been run through by noon and everything will be left clear for the mid-year freshmen, who will report in the afternoon and likewise make out their programs and run them through.

Monday will also witness the inauguration of the new continuous program system, under which plan the program will consist of eight 45-minute periods.

ROYALTY LAY IN UNMARKED TOMBS

Remains of Murdered King and Queen of Serbia in Bare Graves in Lonely Churchyard.

Belgrade, Jan. 12.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The last of the house of Obrenovitch, the murdered Alexander, lies in a little chapel in the Belgrade cemetery, forgotten by conquerors and conquered alike. Beside him rests Queen Draga, the woman for whose sake he broke off relations with his father and whose influence upon him undoubtedly led to the sordid tragedy that extinguished this royal line.

The chapel stands in the center of a neglected graveyard. It is a primitive building, a larger sample of the typical Serbian peasant's cottage, without ornamentation of any kind. It is of brick, rudely plastered on the outside. Only a cross carved into a tablet giving the date of erection shows that it is not an ordinary house or even a substantial barn. Bullets have bored neat holes through two of the plain glass windows, and have made blisters in a half dozen places on the plain sheet-iron doors. The

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